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Record File No. IC-252/01

October 5, 2009

Mr. Nuno Monteiro
Balflex Portugal
Rua Bouca dos Estilhadouros 226/254
Zona Industrial Alto Vilar
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Portugal

Dear Mr. Monteiro:

The review of your application dated September 23, 2009, Company Code No. 290755, for "Balflex Industrial Hose Outer Cover" (hydraulic hose cover and hydraulic hose protective sleeve) is complete.

This construction and the information provided meet the requirements of the Standard Application Procedures for Acceptance of Flame-Resistant Solid Products Taken into Mines.

The following requirements apply to this acceptance:

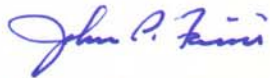
1. Acceptance Marking No. "MSHA IC-252/01" must be permanently marked on the product with letters at least 1/4" high and at intervals not exceeding 3 feet. Other types of permanent markings may be used with prior approval of MSHA.
2. The nominal accepted material thickness is 2.5 mm.
3. *When used as a hose protection sleeve, this product is restricted for use as an outer jacket abrasion sleeve for protection of hydraulic hoses (not electric cables) and not for the repair or covering of damaged hydraulic hoses.*
4. You are obligated, as the manufacturer, to maintain the quality of the product to assure the requirements of this acceptance are being met.
5. Any change in product composition or in any other factors that may affect this acceptance must not be made without prior authorization from MSHA.

6. We have the right to revoke this acceptance for cause at any time.
7. We must be notified of any transfer of production or ownership of this product.

An invoice for the cost of processing this action will be forthcoming.

If you have any comments or questions relative to this letter, please refer them to Mark Schwartz at 304-547-2083.

Sincerely,



John P. Faini
Chief, Approval and Certification Center